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LESSONS LEARNED SUPPORTING +200,000 IoT DEVICES

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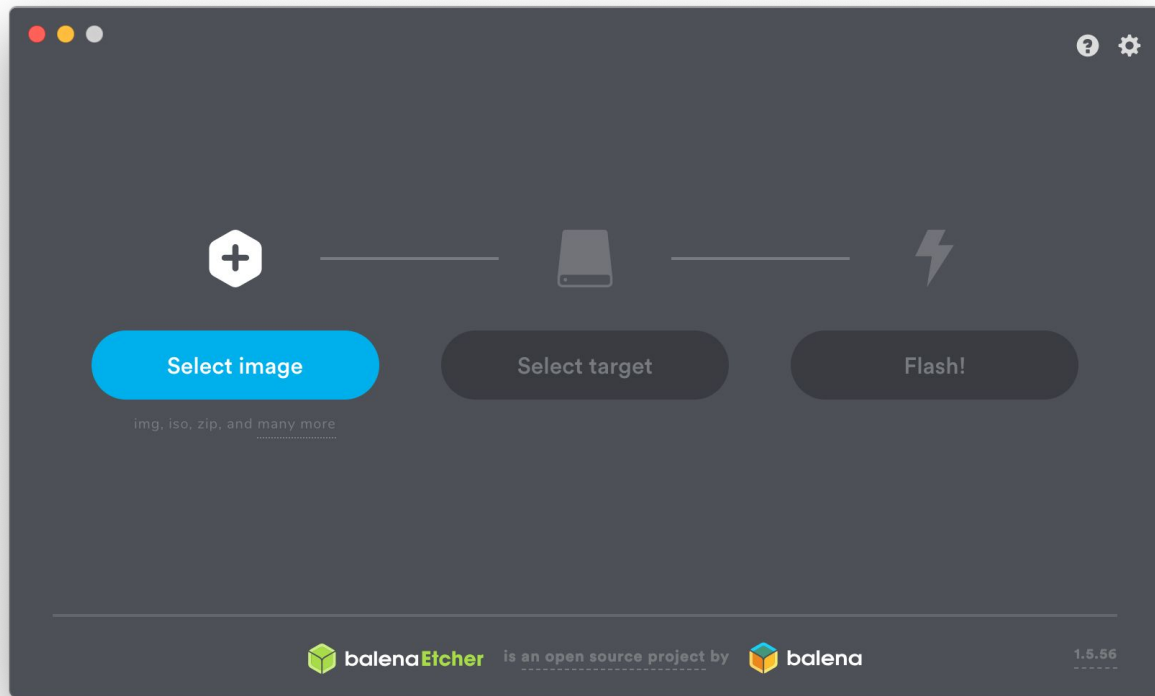
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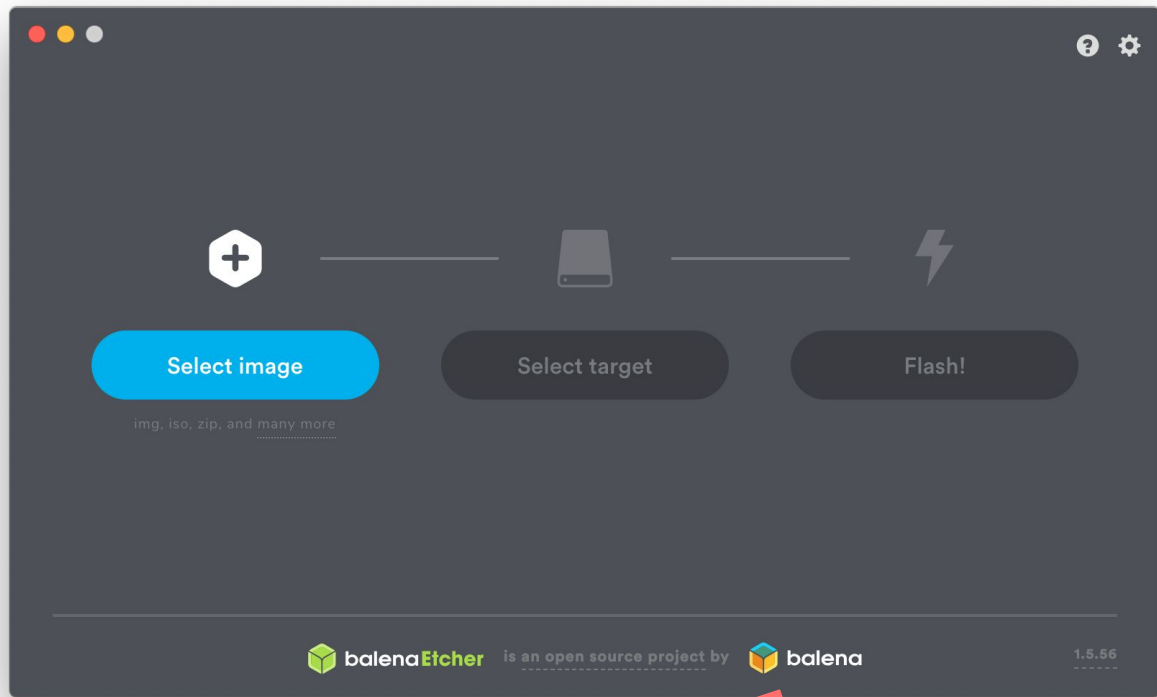


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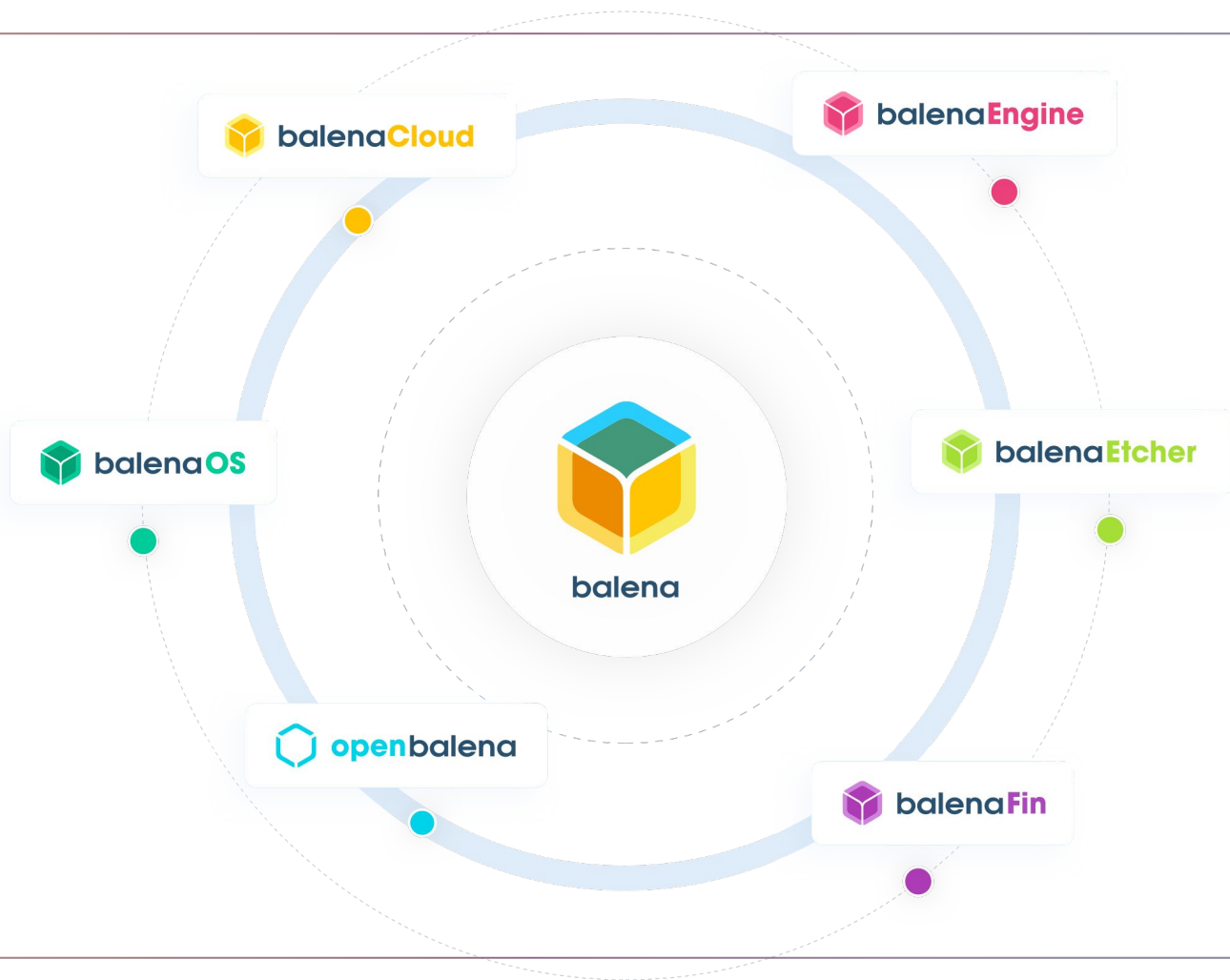


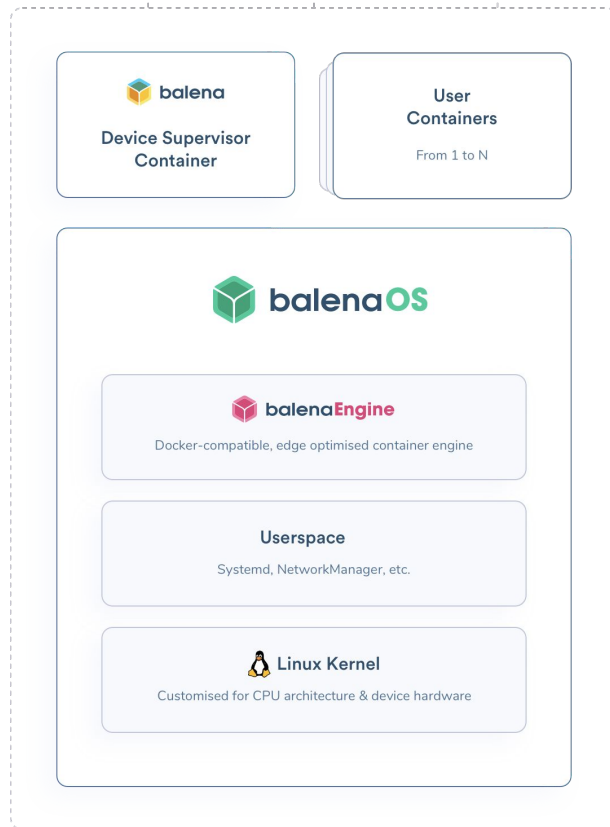
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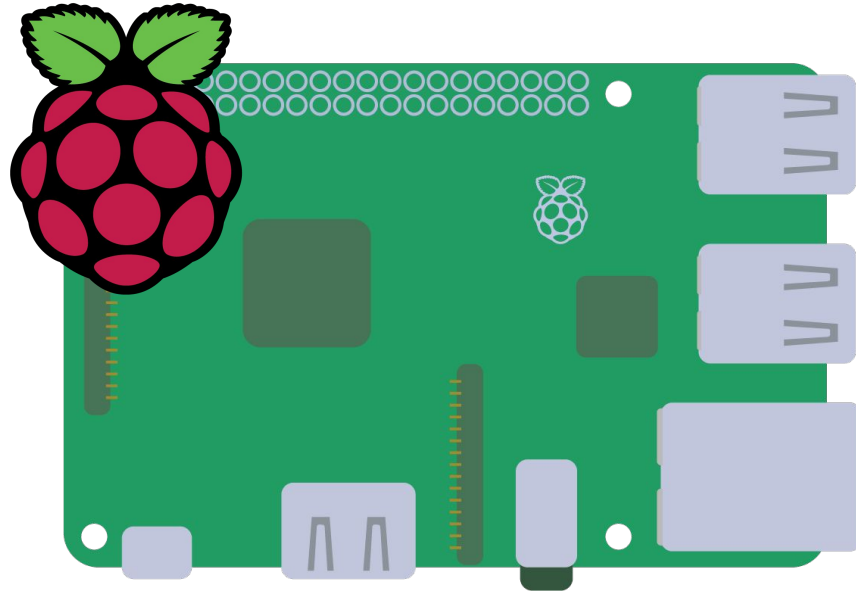


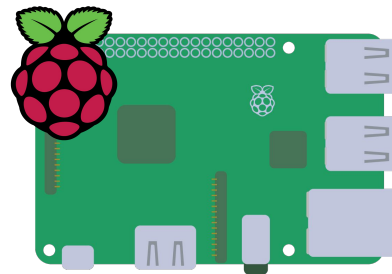
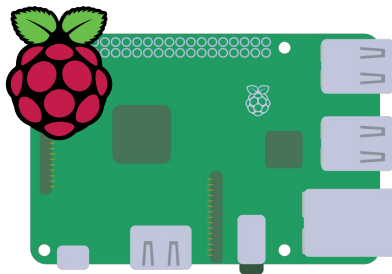
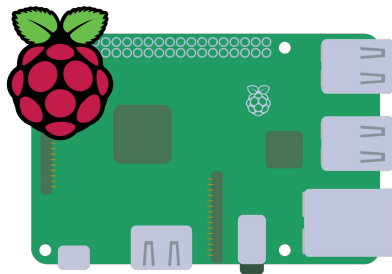
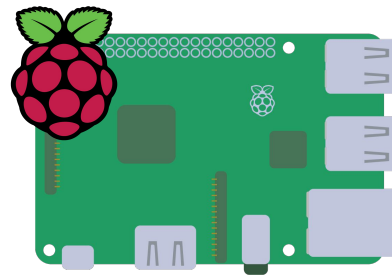
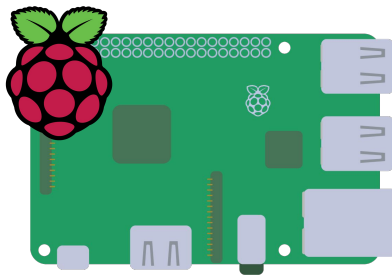
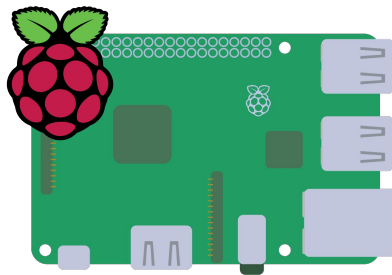
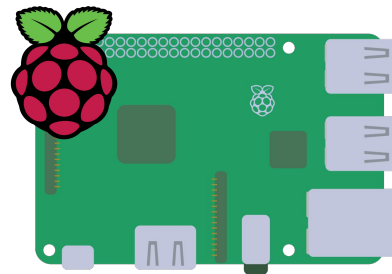
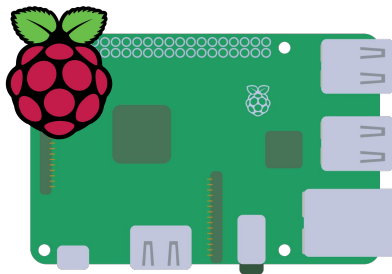
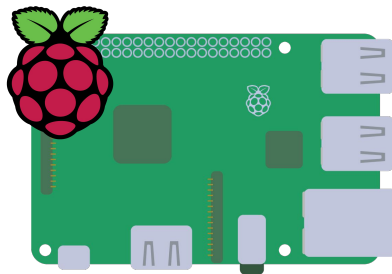
Platform built to develop,
deploy and manage fleets
of connected devices at
scale.

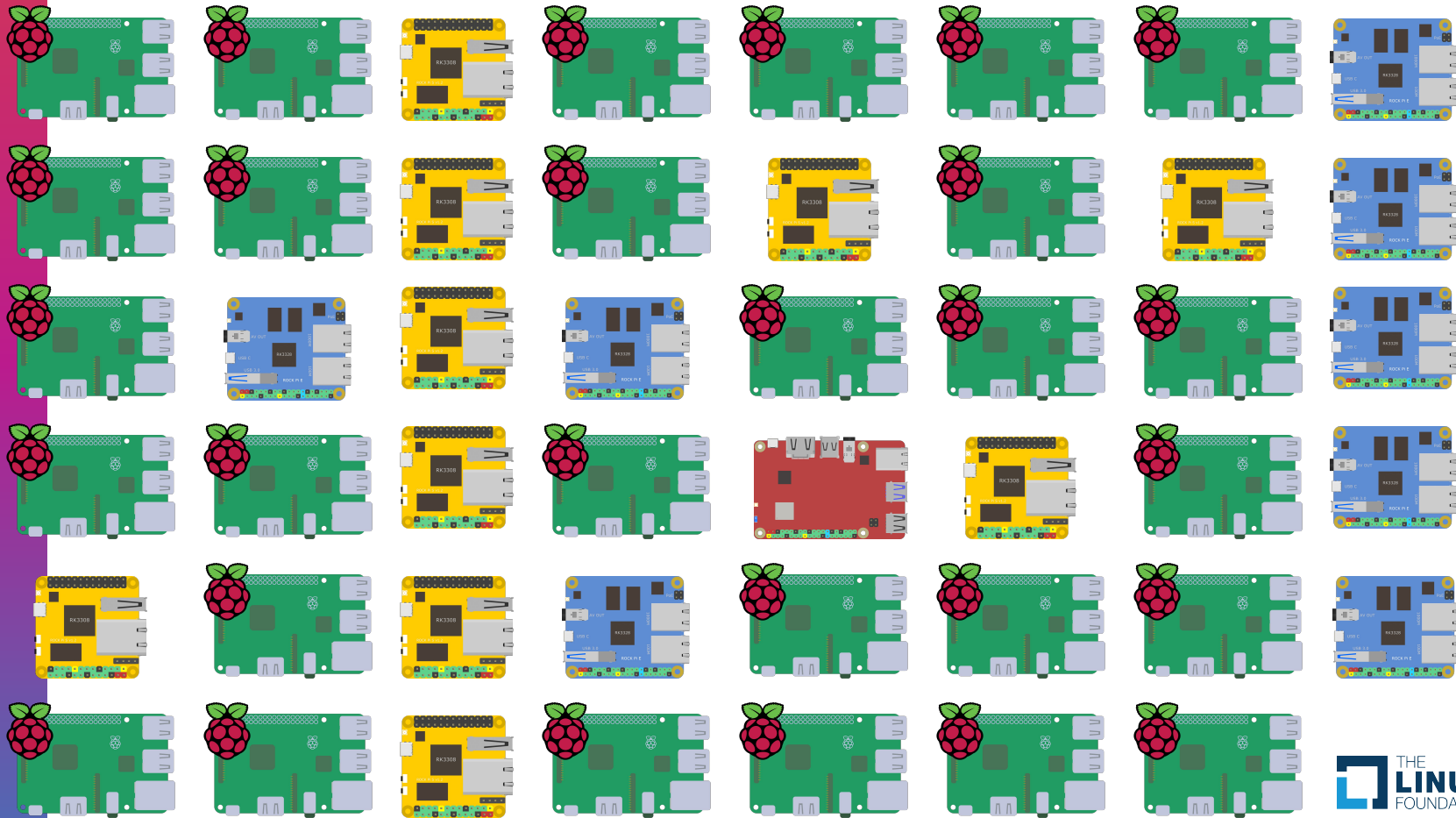




What do we mean by “Fleet Management”?







**Now, how do you
manage 500 or 50,000
or 500,000 of these?**





Deploy with balena

and relax...

Lessons Learned

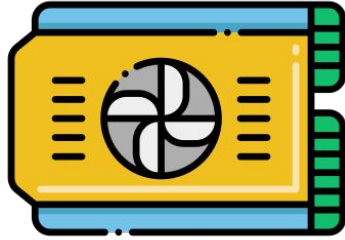


Source: <https://nightfall.ai/pets-vs-cattle>



The pets versus cattle analogy

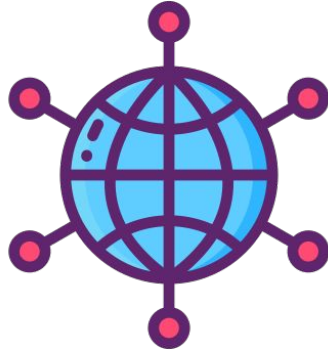
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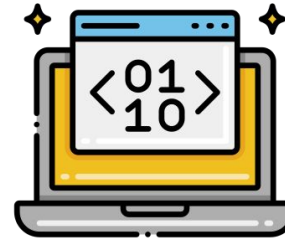
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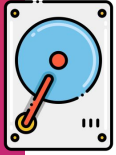
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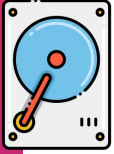


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- Chip Shortage creates more multi-device types fleets.

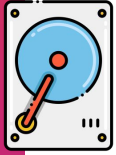


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- Instead use expensive SD Cards (e.g. SanDisk ExtremePro) or devices with eMMC.



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- Do you have more devices connected to the same network?



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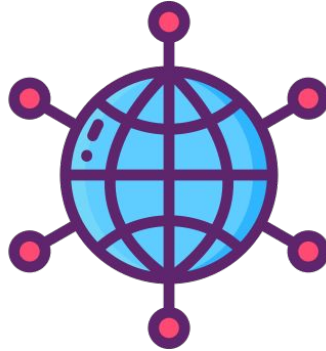
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Let's wrap-up

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- Don't reinvent the wheel.
- Work with great partners and production grade hardware.
- Get a B-plan embracing open source.

Questions?



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